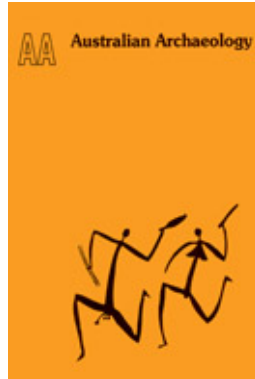


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GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION - THE MINUTES IN BRIEF

A general meeting of the Australian Archaeological Association was convened at 5pm, 25 May 1980 at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies following the Material Culture conference. Forty-four members were present.

In the Chair: Sandra Bowdler, President.

Agenda:

1. Matters arising from AGM and Executive Meeting minutes, November 1979.
2. AAA Newsletter.
3. Letter to H.E.C. Tasmania.
4. Affiliation with IPPA.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES AGM, NOVEMBER 1979 AND MEETING
OF EXECUTIVE OF AAA, 18 NOVEMBER 1979.

The secretary informed the meeting that our President had carried the AAA's invitation of affiliation to the meeting of the AACA in Sydney (March 15). The membership of AACA accepted the invitation with thanks. The AAA and AACA are now formally affiliated.

At a meeting of the executive committee at Howman's Gap, 18 November 1979 it was felt that in order to give Western Australia representation at the executive level, an invitation be made to Peter Randolph to be co-opted to serve on the committee. A letter of acceptance with thanks was received from Peter Randolph in April.

At the Executive Meeting it was decided to publish a list containing names and addresses of all members in the next Newsletter so that members might have access to it. Moreover, it will provide a check for members who are not sure their dues are paid up for 1980.

During the discussion on this matter several persons raised the point that they were not certain of their financiality regarding 1980 (or previous years) membership. If you are in this quandry please write to Harry Lourandos (University of New England, Armidale) who now has details on this matter. In order to alleviate this problem it was felt that members should receive yearly dues notices by separate mail at the beginning of each year and a receipt in the form of a membership card denoting year of membership. This notice will also carry a tear-off portion for change of address notification.

At the Executive Meeting Marjorie Sullivan was co-opted to head a sub-committee concerning the dissemination of archaeological material/information to secondary schools in Australia. Marjorie will report on the activities of this committee at the next AGM.

The next AGM will be held during the AAA conference to be held on 20-24 November 1980. The venue is yet to be finalised but will be somewhere on the east coast between Smoky Cape (NSW) and Moreton Bay (Q). The topic is Australian coastal archaeology. A call for papers is included in this issue of the Newsletter. Moreover, members will be notified as to details about the conference sometime in August.

2. AAA NEWSLETTER

Several members voiced disquiet about the irregularity and general tardiness of the Newsletter. Members noted that by the time they got their issues, many of the news items were out of date. The discussion resulted in the following motion:

'Let it be moved that the membership expressed concern that the Newsletter has been produced infrequently and late. We request that the editors bring the issues up to date - preferably by combining two outstanding issue dates at this stage - and produce two Newsletters on time each year'.

Moved: Marjorie Sullivan
Seconded: Jim Stockton
Motion carried nem. com.

3. LETTER TO H.E.C. TASMANIA

Members who attended the AACA meeting in Sydney (March) brought to the attention of the AAA meeting that Angela Lister (Tas) had voiced concern over the fact that the H.E.C. (Tas) had not included archaeological or historical expertise in environmental impact work in Tasmania. Discussion resulted in the following motion:

'That the President draft a letter stating that "The AAA is concerned that in the course of environmental impact surveys conducted by H.E.C. there has been no professional survey of archaeological sites, both prehistoric and historic, and no assessment of the impact of development upon these areas. The AAA considers that such assessments by professional archaeologists are an essential part of any responsible environmental impact survey procedure and urged H.E.C. to undertake them without delay"'.

Moved: Ron Vanderwal
Seconded: Jim Stockton
Motion carried nem. com.

4. AFFILIATION WITH IPPA

Sandra Bowdler relayed to the membership a letter from Peter Bellwood (26/2/80) asking if the AAA would agree to becoming the Related Organisation for Australia to IPPA (Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association). Such a move would involve no cost or obligation to AAA but would allow an appointed member to represent AAA at Manila and other IPPA conferences in the future. After brief discussion it was moved that AAA agree to become the Related Organisation for Australia to IPPA.

Moved: Sandra Bowdler

Seconded: J. Hall

Motion carried nem. com.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.45pm.

J. Hall
(Secretary)